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Application Number	09/839,186
Filing Date	April 19, 2001
First Named Inventor	Matthew L. Meyerson
Art Unit	1631
Examiner Name	Allen, M.
Attorney Docket Number	7032/2002

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☒ Other Copy enclosed; Preliminary Amendment also enclosed

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Sir:**

This is filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination of the above-noted U.S. Patent Application. Kindly enter the following amendments and remarks prior to Examination of the claims.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 10. The amendments add no new matter.



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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Enclosed for filing the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
2. Preliminary Amendment;
3. Copy of the Response to Final Office Action as filed on June 14, 2004; and
4. Return Post Card.

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